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“This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:2-3

Prayer Chain: If you’d like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 80 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it. Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#).

Hearing Loop: We have a hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- Fairtrade Christmas Sale 12th November

There will be a Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church on Saturday 12th November from 10am to 1pm. Please see attached flyer for further details.

- Remembrance Sunday 13th November

Our morning service will include an observance of the 2 minutes silence at 11am.

In the afternoon, a civic service will take place at the war memorial in Haverhill Cemetery at 3pm.

This will be preceded by the usual parade through town with Bury St Edmunds Sea Cadets.

The parade will leave Haverhill Arts Centre at 2.30pm.

Gordon Watson from our church, an RAF veteran, will be laying a wreath on behalf of our church.

- Family Quiz night on Saturday November 26th at 6 pm

Please could you sign the sheet in the foyer so that we can cater appropriately! Sign as individuals, couples groups or as tables of 8. Bring your own nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks.

No charge but a donation to Church funds would be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Ken and Heather Nicholls

- Music Exams

There will be music exams taking place in the church, vestry and coffee lounge on Wed 30th November and Thurs 1st December. Please do not enter these areas while the exams are in progress.

- Advent Study Group – Humbug And Happiness

To help you on your spiritual journey through Advent, you are invited to join us for something a little bit different.

We are preparing reflections based on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

The sessions will be on Thursday evenings and will include excerpts from the classic film starring Alistair Sim.

It was made in 1951 and is in black and white.

This should be great fun and will be a beautiful exploration of the truths of Advent and Christmas and highlight the lessons we still need to learn today.

Based on the Advent book 'Humbug and happiness' by Sheila Jacobs, we shall explore the following themes:

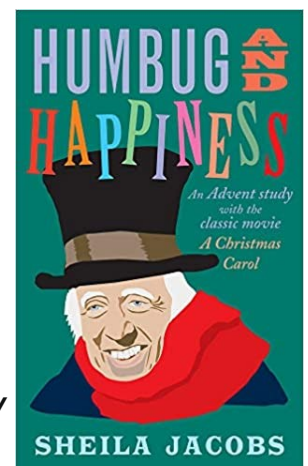
Thursday 1st December 7.30pm

The Chains of Life – living through difficult times and personal circumstances

Thursday 8th December 7.30pm

In the Past – things from the past that hold us back today

Thursday 15th December 7.30pm



Living Now – being aware of God’s call for us in the present

Thursday 22nd December 7.30pm

*Future ...Perfect? – Understanding God’s plan for our whole life:
yesterday, today and tomorrow*

We plan to hold four sessions from 7.30pm to about 9pm starting on Thursday 1st December and for the following three weeks, meeting in the church lounge or in a larger room if everyone wants to come! Hot drinks (and humbugs) will be served from 7.15pm.

If you would like to be part of this please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

If you need a lift or if you can offer a lift to other people please tick the relevant column in the list and we will do our best to make that possible.

You don't need a copy of the study book to take part.

If you get an opportunity to watch a film about "Christmas Carol" on the television that would be a good appetiser.

We look forward to seeing you.

Peter Goodhall and David Frost

- Posada

Please sign up for the Posada, Details and sheet available over refreshments after the service.

Thank you, Ken.

- Haverhill Sings!!

Hello everyone!

Our Christmas event, "Haverhill Sings at Christmas!" scheduled for the late-night shopping evening on Dec 2nd is whizzing at breakneck speed towards us and I need your help please?

Specifically I need lots of people to distribute carol sheets on the night itself. We anticipate a very big crowd in the Market Square so please, don't leave me hanging!

Please tell me that you can help as soon as you possibly can. It's going to be a fantastic event to be part of so please either speak to me in person this Sunday or email/phone me using the directory

Thank you!

Charmaine/ Cham Lay Pioneer

- Big Christmas Card

From 4th December there will be a BIG Christmas card available for you all to sign and wish each other a happy/merry/blessed/peaceful... Christmas. The idea is that you do this instead of sending individual cards to your church friends and that you put the money saved towards the charity the card is supporting – this year that's the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee, see more here: www.dec.org.uk) The card will remain available until New Year, so plenty of time for you to sign!

- Toy Service 4th December @ 10.30am

Don't forget! Our Toy Servicer is on Sunday 4th December. All Toys/gifts for 0-18yrs old should be new and unwrapped. The Mayor will be in attendance to receive the Toys on behalf of Social Services. Given the parlous state of the economy, the gifts are likely to be needed even more than in previous years.

- Ladies Night Out - Friday December 9th, 6.30pm, Flying Shuttle

6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Christmas menu available – 2 courses £18.50 or 3 courses £21.50. If you don't want the Christmas Menu, you can order from the daily menu. Please put your name on the list if you would like to go and also if you need a lift. We will require a £10 deposit please. Closing date 20th November, so please let us know if you want to come asap. Further information from Janet or Susan. Thank you.

- The Daily Prayer List is now available

For those who have not seen/heard of this before, it is a list of the names of everyone in our Directory organised so you can pray for a few people each day of the month. This means we each get prayed for at least 12 times a year by lots of people!

Pick up your copy in church this Sunday!

- Christmas Stock in Next Door

We now have our Christmas cards and a few gift items on display in Next Door.

Our opening times are 10.30 until 1pm Tuesday until Friday. Why not pop in for a coffee and start your shopping early?

Next Door Team.

- Church Membership

If you would be interested in exploring Church Membership this autumn, please speak to our minister Peter and he would be pleased to have a conversation with you.

- Get Haverhill Talking - Open Mind

Dear Friends,

Open Mind -meaningful support will be launching a campaign called "GET HAVERHILL TALKING" on November 1st. Everywhere you look people are staring into their phones and conversation is becoming a dying art. Loneliness is something we see so often at Open Mind and it doesn't need to be this way..

Below, in italics, is the information we will be sharing from our social media accounts from November 1st 2022. An article will also be in the Haverhill Echo.

GET HAVERHILL TALKING

We all have mental health just as we have physical health.

We need to do what we can to keep well and try to prevent mental health issues from even starting in the first place- Prevention is the key.

Let's all work together and focus on the well-being of ourselves, our friends and our family.

At Open Mind we are launching a campaign in November to GET HAVERHILL TALKING. Each Tuesday we will be posting simple weekly tasks on our social media in the hope that the amazing community of Haverhill will get involved and support our mission to encourage more verbal communication rather than through our phones and computers.

Please share with us any activities that you have done and use the hashtag #gethaverhilltalking or private message us on our social media platforms where we will be able to share your ideas with the local community.

Let us all inspire and be inspired in uniting us all in the mission to support mental wellness.

We all have a big part to play and it all starts by giving someone the time to TALK.

You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/openmindhaverhill/> or follow us on Instagram at Open Mind Meaningful Support.

If you would like some support with your mental health we are open Weds mornings between 10 and 12 at the Methodist Church Hall. We are completely free of charge, just come as you are.

- Email address change.

David Frost has changed his email address to davidjafrost@aol.com Please remove his gmail address from your email address books and replace it with this one; also please alter what is printed in your copy of the Directory.

Advance Diary Dates To Note

Toy Service Sunday 4th December 10.30am
Church Carol Service Sunday 11th December 5pm
Christingle Sunday 18th December 10.30am
Christmas Eve Communion 11.30pm
Christmas Day 10am
New Year's Day All Age Worship 10.30am
Covenant Service 8th January 2023 10.30am

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

November		
11 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
12 th	10am-1pm	Fairtrade Christmas sale at Clare Baptist Church
13 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter–Remembrance Sunday Flowers: Mr L Jacobs
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
14 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
15 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
16 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
18 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
20 th	10.30am	Preacher: Ken Nicholls Flowers: Mr & Mrs R Beaumont (Peter at St John’s, Sudbury)
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
21 st	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
22 nd	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
23 rd	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
25 th	10pm-2am	Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town
26 th	6pm	Family Quiz Night
27 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – Holy Communion Flowers: Vacant 1 st Sunday in Advent
	6.30pm	Come & Sing
28 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
29 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
30 th	All day	Music exams in church, vestry, coffee lounge DO NOT ENTER
	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
December		
1 st	All day	Music exams in church, vestry, coffee lounge DO NOT ENTER
2 nd	4.30pm on	Christmas Shopping Night with ‘Haverhill Sings’
	10pm-2am	Town Pastors on patrol – please pray for them
3 rd	12noon on	‘Nativity Live’ starting at HMC
4 th	10.30am	Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship & Toy Service Flowers: Mr A Coe
	6.30pm	Come& Sing
5 th	8-8.45pm	Faithful Workout
6 th	11am-12	Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home)
7 th	10am-12	Open Mind in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone!
9 th	6.30om	Ladies Night Out @ The Flying Shuttle
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